

Message Text

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 01 MEXICO 02972 180114Z
ACTION IO-14

INFO OCT-01 ARA-10 ISO-00 AGRE-00 AID-05 EB-08 USIA-06
COME-00 TRSE-00 /044 W
-----083894 180903Z /15
R 180105Z FEB 78
FM AMEMBASSY MEXICO
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 8425
AMEMBASSY ROME

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE MEXICO 02972

ROME FOR FODAG

E O 11652: N/A
TAGS: EAGR, MX
SUBJECT: MEXICAN VIEWS ON AGENDA FOR FOURTH SESSION OF
THE WORLD FOOD COUNCIL

REF: STATE 037553

SUMMARY: GOM HAS NO OBJECTION TO LIMITING AGENDA TO A
FEW WELL-DEFINED TOPICS. THEIR MAIN INTEREST IS IN
AGRARIAN REFORM, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, AND IN INCREASING
FOOD PRODUCTION. GOM VIEWS ON WFC ARE UNDERGOING REVIEW.
END SUMMARY.

1. FOREIGN RELATIONS OFFICIAL LIC HUGO DIAZ THOME BEGAN
DISCUSSION BY NOTING THAT BOTH THE POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC
SITUATIONS IN MEXICO HAD CHANGED SINCE MEXICO HAD FIRST
TAKEN PART IN THE WFC. WITHOUT ELABORATING ON THE CHANGES
IN THE POLITICAL SITUATION, HE NOTED THAT IN 1974 MEXICO'S
AGRICULTURE WAS IN SUCH A POOR STATE THAT LARGE IMPORTA-
TIONS OF EVEN BASIC FOODSTUFFS WERE REQUIRED. NOW,
THOUGH, WITH A FEW EXCEPTIONS THE COUNTRY WAS VIRTUALLY
SELF-SUFFICIENT AND COULD BE A SIZEABLE EXPORTER WITHIN
LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 02 MEXICO 02972 180114Z

FIVE YEARS. ALL OF THIS CHANGED ITS RELATIONSHIP WITH
THE OTHER MEMBERS OF THE GROUP OF 77 AND REQUIRES A
COMPLETE REEVALUATION OF MEXICO'S ROLE IN THE WFC.

2. DIAZ THOME THINKS THAT GIVEN THE OPPORTUNITY SOME
COUNTRIES (HE SPECIFICALLY MENTIONED ALGERIA) WOULD TURN
THE JUNE MEETING INTO A PURLY POLITICAL EVENT AND CAUSE

THE FOCUS TO TURN FROM THE IMPORTANT TASK OF ATTEMPTING TO RESOLVE THE PRESSING ISSUE OF FOOD. HE PERSONALLY FAVORED THE IDEA OF LIMITING THE AGENDA TO TWO OR THREE ITEMS AND THOUGHT THAT THE GOM WOULD SUPPORT SUCH AN EFFORT. HE PROMISED A DEFINITIVE REPLY BEFORE THE ROME MEETING IN LATE FEBRUARY.

3. HE THINKS THAT THE ISSUES OF MOST INTEREST TO MEXICO WOULD BE AGRARIAN REFORM, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, AND INCREASING FOOD PRODUCTION. HE THOUGHT THAT SOME COUNTRIES MIGHT DISAGREE AS TO THE IMPORTANCE OF AGRARIAN REFORM BUT THAT THE LATTER TWO TOPICS SHOULD BE OF UNIVERSAL INTEREST. THOMPSON

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 jan 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: MEETING AGENDA, FOODS
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 18 feb 1978
Decaption Date: 01 jan 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 20 Mar 2014
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1978MEXICO02972
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: N/A
Errors: N/A
Expiration:
Film Number: D780075-0855
Format: TEL
From: MEXICO
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1978/newtext/t19780237/aaaabfnr.tel
Line Count: 75
Litigation Code IDs:
Litigation Codes:
Litigation History:
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Message ID: 1ded07d4-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Office: ACTION IO
Original Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: 78 STATE 37553
Retention: 0
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 05 may 2005
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review Media Identifier:
Review Release Date: N/A
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
SAS ID: 3549380
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: MEXICAN VIEWS ON AGENDA FOR FOURTH SESSION OF THE WORLD FOOD COUNCIL
TAGS: EAGR, MX, WFC
To: STATE ROME
Type: TE
vdkgvwkey: odbc://SAS/SAS.dbo.SAS_Docs/1ded07d4-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Review Markings:
Sheryl P. Walter
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
20 Mar 2014
Markings: Sheryl P. Walter Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 20 Mar 2014